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Letter from Nkrumah - Volta River

Action:
prepare letter
recommendations
inclosing letter
if necessary
in memoranda
as indicated

S/S today sent to the White House (copy of memorandum attached) the original of President Nkrumah's letter of July 4 on the Volta River Project.

Please prepare a recommendation for the White House regarding a reply to this letter. The recommendation should be set forth in a Battle-Bundy memorandum, which should refer to Mr. Battle's memorandum transmitting the original of the letter and which should be cleared with B, B/CEA, E. L, and ICA. If a reply by the President is recommended, a suggested text should be enclosed in the memorandum.

This material should be received in S/S by Tuesday, July 18.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letters to the President
from President Nkrumah

I enclose letters to the President of
July 4 and July 6 from President Nkrumah of
Ghana. These letters were pouched to the
Department by our Embassy Accra and were
received here on July 12.

The Department is preparing recommendations
regarding the handling of these letters, and a
memorandum thereon will be sent you shortly.

*Only July 4
letter is
attached. I
don't think
that this
calls for
an answer.*

W.B.C.

L. D. Battle
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Letter to the President
dated July 4
2. Letter to the President
dated July 6

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A true copy of signed original

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PRESIDENT

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Accra,
4th July, 1961.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 29th June, 1961, about the Volta River Project. I was delighted to receive the news that all major issues involved in the negotiations for your Government's share of the financing of the dam and smelter have now been resolved. I have received a similar assurance from the United Kingdom Government, and my Embassy in Washington has just informed me that all major issues outstanding with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and with the consortium of aluminium companies have also been resolved.

I thus feel that after many years of effort, this great project is now really launched. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your personal support and help at all times, and to say how confident I am that our two governments, and the other partners in the scheme, will all work together most effectively and ensure its success.

I am very grateful, too, for the action that you have initiated to help me in finding a suitable man for the important appointment of Chief Executive.

I much appreciated your good wishes for the first anniversary of our Republic Day, and it gives me special pleasure to send you and your Government my best wishes on this particular day which occupies such a special place in the history of the United States.

Very
Yours/sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

The Honourable John F. Kennedy,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

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